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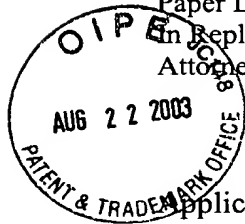
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Application No. : 09/870,037
Applicants : Hirokazu Yano et al.
Filed : May 30, 2001
Title : CR-Free Paint Compositions and Painted Metal Sheets
Group Art Unit : 1773
Examiner : Sheeba Ahmed

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of March 20, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks, together with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Continued Examination:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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